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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLIFTON S. SULTZER, a Wing, in the county of Goodhue and State 5 of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Check-Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in pocket check books of the class wherein a 10 pad of check leaves is removably secured to a folding holder or cover. In check books of this character it has been found most convenient to arrange the stub and check portions of each check leaf side by side, and to secure the check pad to the holder in such way that there shall be no folding of the check pad except along the line of perforations between the stub portion and the check portion, so that when the book is opened the 20 check portions of the leaves shall lie flat upon the supporting back without fold or crease.

It is the object of the invention to provide a book of this character, which can be folded 25 up so as to fit conveniently in pocket or bag, which can be opened conveniently and naturally by the user, which has a pocket for the deposit book on the inner side of the cover where it is convenient for use, and wherein 30 the cover is supported so that it will not easily break or crack.

To this end the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter particularly described

35 and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the check book open for use, and Fig. 2 is a side view of the book 40 when folded and closed.

In the drawings is shown a cover or holder of leather or other suitable material, having a stiffened back portion 2, slightly longer than the check portion of the check leaves 45 to be used therein, to which is hinged at the left end a stub holding flap 3 of approximately the same length as the stub portions of said leaves, and at the right end a flap 4 long enough slightly to overlap the outer outer end of the left hand flap 3, when the book is folded. The hinges 5 and 6, by which the end portions are hinged to the back, consist preferably of the unstiffened flexible fabric of the holder.

The flap portion 3 is formed with a trans-

verse pocket 7 to receive the backing strip 8 of the check pad. Each check leaf has a citizen of the United States, residing at Red | check portion 9 at the right and a stub portion 10 at the left, and is perforated or weakened along the line of separation 11 63 between them. At their left or stub ends the check leaves are bound together upon the backing strip 8, which is of stiffer material. and designed to be inserted into the pocket 7, as shown in the drawings. This pocket 65 is positioned at such distance from the line of fold 6 that the check leaves will lie upon the holder with their stubs upon the flap 3 on one side of the line of fold, and their check portions on the back 2 on the other 70 side of the line of fold, so that the line of separation 11 between them will be coincident with the line of fold.

The flap 4 at the opposite end of the cover is formed on its inner or under side with a 75 pocket 12, the mouth of which is directed toward the free end of the flap. The pocket extends nearly to the line of fold 6, and is adapted to receive a deposit or entry book 13.

In use, the flap 3 with the stub portions of 80 the check pad carried by it is first folded over upon the check portion, and then the flap 4 which carries the deposit book is folded down over the flap 3, which it overlaps and to which it is detachably fastened 85 by means of the coöperating spring fastening members 14 and 15 upon the outer side of the flap 3 and the inner side of the flap 4, respectively. Thus the check leaves will be folded along the perforated line 11 only, and 90 the deposit book will lie opposite the stub portion of the pad and support the flap 4 in substantial alinement with the flap 3, and prevent it from cracking or breaking over the adjacent end of the stub portion. 95 Furthermore, by constructing the check book as here described, not only is the deposit book carried in the place most convenient for use, viz., upon the inner side of the right hand flap 4, but this flap folds down over 100 the other or left hand flap, so that the book, when standing in proper position will open right-handedly, that is by turning the flap 4 from left to right.

I claim as my invention: 1. A folding check book comprising a cover having at each end a flap foldably secured thereto, and a pad of check leaves having stub portions at the left, and separable check portions at the right, said pad 110

being removably secured to the left hand flap in such position that the stub portions will lie upon the left hand flap and the check portions upon the back, with the line 5 of separation between them coincident with the line of fold between said flap and back, and the right hand flap having on its innerside a pocket adapted to receive a deposit book, the left hand flap with the stub por-10 tions secured thereon folding down upon the check portions, and the right hand flap folding over upon the check portions with its outer end overlapping the outer end of the left hand flap, whereby the pocket will lie

15 opposite said stub portions.

2. A folding check book comprising a cover having at each end a flap foldably secured thereto, and a pad of check leaves having stub portions at the left and sepa-20 rable check portions at the right, said pad being removably secured upon the left hand flap in such position that the stub portions will lie upon the left hand flap and the check portions upon the back, with the line 25 of separation between them coincident with the line of fold between said flap and back, and the right hand flap having on its inner side a pocket adapted to receive a deposit book, the mouth of the pocket opening to-30 ward the free end of the flap and extending approximately to the line of fold between said flap and back, the left hand flap with the stub portions carried thereby folding over upon the check portions, and the right hand flap also folding over upon the check

portions with its outer end overlapping the free end of the left hand flap so as to bring the mouth of the pocket opposite the stub portions upon the left hand flap, and means 40 for detachably securing the flaps in folded

position.

3. A folding check book comprising a cover having at each end a flap foldably secured thereto, and a pad of check leaves 45 having stub portions at the left and separable check portions at the right, said pad

being removably secured to the left hand flap so that the stub portions will lie upon said left hand flap and the check portions upon the back, with the line of separation 50 between them coincident with the line of fold between said flap and back, the left hand flap being of approximately the same length as the stub portions, and the right hand flap having on its inner side a pocket 55 opening toward the free end of said flap and extending approximately to the line of fold between said flap and the back, and an entry book fitting in said pocket, said flaps folding over toward each other with the right 60 hand flap overlapping the outer end of the left hand flap so as to bring the entry book opposite the stub portions of the check leaves, thereby supporting the right hand flap at the place where it overlaps the left 65. hand flap.

4. A pocket check book comprising a cover having at each end a flap foldably secured thereto, and a pad of check leaves having separable stub and check portions arranged 70 side by side said pad being removably secured upon one of the flaps in such position that the stub portions will lie upon said flap and the check portions upon the back, with the line of separation between them coin- 75 cident with the line of fold between said flap and back, and the other flap having on its inner side a pocket adapted to receive a deposit book, the flap carrying the stub portions folding down upon the check portions, 80 and the flap carrying the deposit book pocket also folding down upon the check portions with the outer end of one flap overlapping and detachably secured to the outer end of the other flap, whereby said pocket will lie 85 opposite said stub portions.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature

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